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## ANALYSIS OF INTENSITY OF SINGULAR STRESS FIELD FOR SINGLE LAP JOINT UNDER TENSILE SHEAR LOAD BASED ON CRACK TIP STRESS METHOD

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the crack tip stress method (CTSM) is extended so that the intensity of the singular stress field of the single lap joint (SLJ) with two real stress singularity orders can be analyzed. Two types of the reference models are proposed; one is the tensile force model; the other one is the shear force model. The intensities of the singular stress field of the SLJ are calculated by superposing those of the reference models. The intensities of the singular stress fields of the reference models are calculated by the reciprocal work contour integral method (RWCIM). Then the validity of the reference models and the accuracy of the present method are discussed by comparing the present results with the solutions which are calculated by the RWCIM.

**Keywords:** intensity of singular stress field; FEM; single lap joint; crack tip stress method

### 1 INTRODUCTION

In recently years, single lap joints (SLJs) have been widely used to bond dissimilar material members particularly in aircraft and automobile structures. The authors reported that debonding fracture criterion of the SLJs can be expressed with the critical intensity of the singular stress field. However, it is not easy to calculate the intensity of the singular stress field of the SLJ.

Nisitani et al. developed the crack tip stress method (CTSM) [1,2] in order to solve the elastic problems with the notch and crack. Then, the CTSM was extended so that the interface crack and interface corner edge can be analyzed. The authors applied the CTSM to the SLJ and analysed the singular stress field at the interface corner edge of the SLJ under the tensile shear load [3, 4]. In the earlier study, the SLJ is used as the reference model. However, when the various SLJs are analyzed, the simple reference model is desired.

In this study, the reference model suitable for the analysis of the SLJ is examined. Then, the intensities of the singular stress field are solved by the CTSM and the reciprocal work contour integral method (RWCIM) [5]. The intensities of the singular stress field are compared, and the validity of the present reference model and the accuracy of the CTSM are examined.

### 2 CRACK TIP STRESS METHOD

Figure 1 shows the schematic illustration of the SLJ model and boundary condition.  $l_1$  and  $t_1$  are adherend length and adherend thickness, respectively;  $l_2$  and  $t_2$  are overlap length and adhesive thickness, respectively;  $E$  is Young's modulus,  $\nu$  is Poisson's ratio, and subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the adherend and the adhesive, respectively.

The singular stress field is formed at the corner edge of the interface between the adherend and the adhesive. The singular stress field is governed by the order of stress singularity,  $\lambda-1$ . The eigenvalue  $\lambda$  can be obtained by solving the eigenvalue equation, which was derived by Bogy. In the case of the corner edge as shown in Fig. 1, the eigenequation is given by the following equation [6,7].

$$4 \sin^2(\pi\lambda) \left\{ \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi\lambda}{2}\right) - \lambda^2 \right\} \beta^2 + 4 \lambda^2 \sin^2(\pi\lambda) \alpha \beta + \left\{ \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi\lambda}{2}\right) - \lambda^2 \right\} \alpha^2 - 4 \lambda^2 \sin^2(\pi\lambda) \beta - 2 \left\{ \lambda^2 \cos(2\pi\lambda) + \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi\lambda}{2}\right) \cos(\pi\lambda) + \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(\pi\lambda) \right\} \alpha + \sin^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\lambda\right) - \lambda^2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

Here,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are Dundurs' parameters [8] and defined as follows

$$\alpha = \frac{G_2(\kappa_1 + 1) - G_1(\kappa_2 + 1)}{G_2(\kappa_1 + 1) + G_1(\kappa_2 + 1)}, \beta = \frac{G_2(\kappa_1 - 1) - G_1(\kappa_2 - 1)}{G_2(\kappa_1 + 1) + G_1(\kappa_2 + 1)}, \kappa_m = \frac{3 - \nu_m}{1 + \nu_m} \text{ (plain stress)}, 3 - 4\nu_m \text{ (plain strain)} \quad (2)$$

Here,  $G_m$  ( $m = 1, 2$ ) is the shear modulus of elasticity.

The stresses at a radial distance  $r$  from the point O on the interface,  $\sigma_\theta$  and  $\tau_{r\theta}$ , are expressed as follows.

$$\sigma_\theta = \frac{K_1}{r^{1-\lambda_1}} f_{\theta\theta}(0, \lambda_1) + \frac{K_2}{r^{1-\lambda_2}} f_{\theta\theta}(0, \lambda_2) = \frac{K_{\sigma, \lambda_1}}{r^{1-\lambda_1}} + \frac{K_{\sigma, \lambda_2}}{r^{1-\lambda_2}}, \tau_{r\theta} = \frac{K_1}{r^{1-\lambda_1}} f_{r\theta}(0, \lambda_1) + \frac{K_2}{r^{1-\lambda_2}} f_{r\theta}(0, \lambda_2) = \frac{K_{\tau, \lambda_1}}{r^{1-\lambda_1}} + \frac{K_{\tau, \lambda_2}}{r^{1-\lambda_2}} \quad (3)$$

Here,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are real numbers,  $f_{\theta\theta}(\theta, \lambda_k)$  and  $f_{r\theta}(\theta, \lambda_k)$  are non-dimensional functions of the angle  $\theta$ ,  $\lambda_k$ , Dundurs' parameters ( $\alpha, \beta$ ). Because four intensities of the singular stress field,  $K_{\sigma, \lambda_1}$ ,  $K_{\sigma, \lambda_2}$ ,  $K_{\tau, \lambda_1}$  and  $K_{\tau, \lambda_2}$  are determined by two real numbers  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , the singular stress field in the vicinity of the corner edge is also determined by them. In this paper, four intensities of the singular stress field are analyzed by the CTSM.

In this paper, two reference models as shown in Fig. 2 are introduced in consideration of the mechanical condition at the interface corner O in Fig.1. (a) is the tensile force model; (b) is the shear force model. When  $T = T_0$  and  $S = S_0$ , the singular stress field near the interface corner edge of the SLJ is reproduced. In the CTSM, when the reference models and unknown model are analyzed by FEM, the same mesh pattern and the same materials are used as shown in Figs 2 and 3. The stresses at the interface corner edge,  $\sigma_{y0, FEM}^{SLJ}$  and  $\tau_{xy0, FEM}^{SLJ}$ , are expressed as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{y0, FEM}^{SLJ} &= T_0 \sigma_{y0, FEM}^T|_{T=1} + S_0 \sigma_{y0, FEM}^S|_{S=1} \\ \tau_{xy0, FEM}^{SLJ} &= T_0 \tau_{xy0, FEM}^T|_{T=1} + S_0 \tau_{xy0, FEM}^S|_{S=1} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Here,  $\sigma_{y0, FEM}^T|_{T=1}$  and  $\tau_{xy0, FEM}^T|_{T=1}$  are stresses at the interface corner edge of the tensile force model under  $T = 1$  by FEM,  $\sigma_{y0, FEM}^S|_{S=1}$  and  $\tau_{xy0, FEM}^S|_{S=1}$  are stresses at the interface corner edge of the shear force model under  $S = 1$  by FEM. The loads  $T_0$  and  $S_0$  can be obtained by solving the simultaneous equation (4). Then, the intensities of the singular stress field of the SLJ can be obtained by superposing the intensities of the singular stress fields of the two reference models as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} K_{\sigma, \lambda_k}^{SLJ} &= T_0 K_{\sigma, \lambda_k}^T|_{T=1} + S_0 K_{\sigma, \lambda_k}^S|_{S=1} \\ K_{\tau, \lambda_k}^{SLJ} &= T_0 K_{\tau, \lambda_k}^T|_{T=1} + S_0 K_{\tau, \lambda_k}^S|_{S=1} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Here,  $k = 1, 2$ ,  $K_{\sigma, \lambda_k}^T|_{T=1}$  and  $K_{\tau, \lambda_k}^T|_{T=1}$  are the intensities of the singular stress field of the tensile force model under  $T = 1$ ,  $K_{\sigma, \lambda_k}^S|_{S=1}$  and  $K_{\tau, \lambda_k}^S|_{S=1}$  are the intensities of the singular stress field of the shear force model under  $S = 1$ .

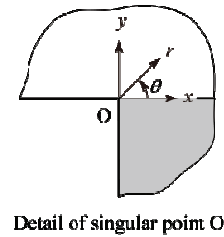
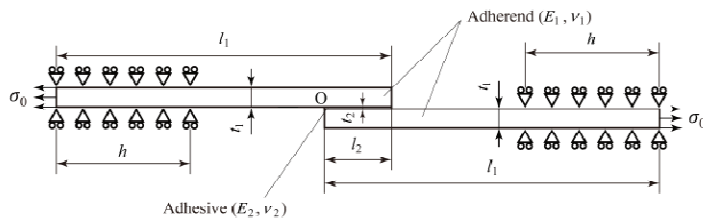


Fig. 1 Schematic illustration of the SLJ

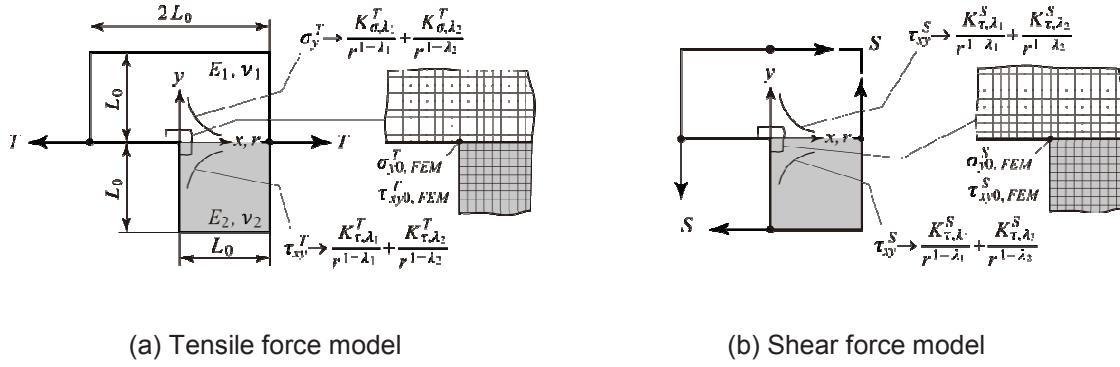


Fig. 2 Reference models used for analysis of SLJ

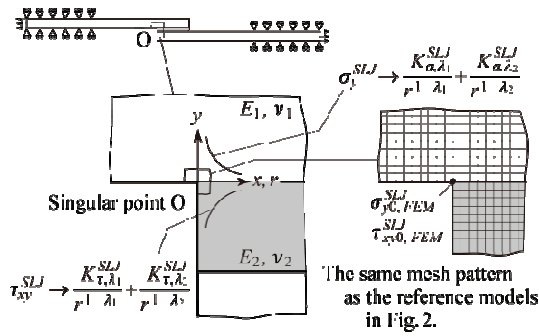


Fig. 3 SLJ model used for analysis

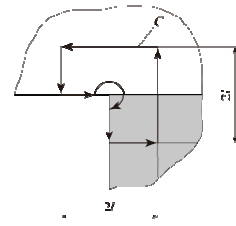


Fig. 4 Contour integral path

### 3 COMPARISON CTSM WITH RWCIM

In this section, the numerical simulations are performed for four kinds of material combinations:  $(\alpha, \beta) = (-0.3, 0.0), (0.3, 0.0), (0.6, 0.0)$  and  $(0.8, 0.3)$ . In these material combinations, the eigenequation (1) has two different real roots. Then, the validity of the reference models and the accuracy of the CTSM are examined through the simulation results.

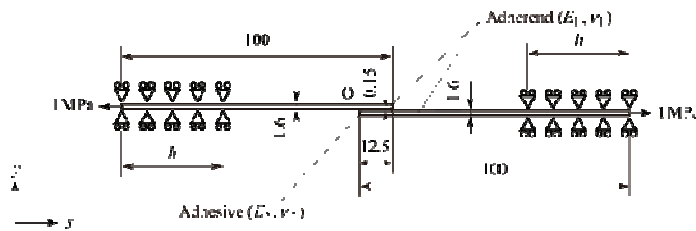
The intensities of the singular stress fields of the tensile force model and the shear force model under  $L_0 = 1 \text{ mm}$  and  $T = S = 1 \text{ N}$  were determined by the RWCIM. The plane strain condition was assumed in the FEM analyses. The commercial FEM code MSC Marc 2008 R1 was used. Figure 4 shows the contour integral path  $C$ . Eight node iso-parametric quadrilateral element was used. Table 1 shows the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . Table 2 shows the intensities of the singular stress fields of the reference models.

Table 1 eigenvalues  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ 

Mat. comb.	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\lambda_1$	$\lambda_2$
1	-0.3	0.0	0.558760	0.962655
2	0.3	0.0	0.530697	0.821357
3	0.6	0.0	0.517317	0.703330
4	0.8	0.3	0.544319	0.588069

**Table 2** Intensities of singular stress field of the reference models

Mat. comb.	Tensile force model				Shear force model			
	$K_{\sigma,\lambda_1}^T$	$K_{\tau,\lambda_1}^T$	$K_{\sigma,\lambda_2}^T$	$K_{\tau,\lambda_2}^T$	$K_{\sigma,\lambda_1}^S$	$K_{\tau,\lambda_1}^S$	$K_{\sigma,\lambda_2}^S$	$K_{\tau,\lambda_2}^S$
1	0.02303	-0.01225	-0.8423	-0.1162	-0.06735	0.03583	0.04017	0.005542
2	0.02593	-0.01436	-0.3538	-0.1108	-0.05370	0.02973	-0.005941	-0.001860
3	0.02542	-0.01434	-0.1261	-0.05264	-0.04789	0.02701	0.002428	0.001013
4	0.005374	-0.03806	0.001316	0.005596	-0.02639	0.1869	-0.05136	-0.2184

 $K_{\sigma,\lambda_k}^T, K_{\tau,\lambda_k}^T, K_{\sigma,\lambda_k}^S, K_{\tau,\lambda_k}^S : \text{MPa} \cdot \text{m}^{1-\lambda_k}$ 
**Fig. 5** Analysis model of SLJ (JIS K6850)**Table 3** FEM analysis results of  $(\alpha, \beta) = (0.8, 0.3)$  when  $e_{\min} = 3^{-6}$ ,  $3^{-12}$  and  $h = 0$ 

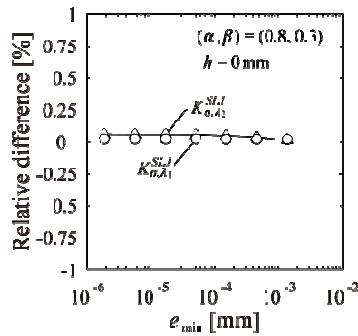
$e_{\min}$	$\sigma_{y0,FEM}^T _{T=1}$	$\sigma_{y0,FEM}^S _{S=1}$	$\sigma_{y0,FEM}^{SLJ}$	$T_0$
	$\tau_{xy0,FEM}^T _{T=1}$	$\tau_{xy0,FEM}^S _{S=1}$	$\tau_{xy0,FEM}^{SLJ}$	$S_0$
$3^{-6}$	7.217509	-53.96143	19.88394	0.8772241
	-19.25787	46.90953	-28.67493	-0.2511529
$3^{-12}$	143.1043	-982.6654	372.3804	0.8766007
	-396.0553	1223.759	-654.7021	-0.2512911

Figure 5 shows the schematic illustration of the SLJ and the boundary conditions. This model is based on JIS K6850. The adhesive thickness  $t_2 = 0.15$  mm, the tensile stress  $\sigma_0 = 1$  MPa, the grip length  $h = 37.5$  mm were set. In the FEM analyses for RWCIM, eight node iso-parametric quadrilateral element was used near the interface corner edge; four node iso-parametric quadrilateral element was used in the other area. On the other hand, four node iso-parametric quadrilateral element was used in the FEM analyses for CTSM. Table 3 shows the FEM analysis results,  $T_0$  and  $S_0$ . The intensities of the singular stress field of the SLJ are obtained from the  $T_0$  and the  $S_0$ . Figure 6 shows the relative difference between the results of the CTSM and the RWCIM. The relative differences of the  $K_{\sigma,\lambda_1}^{SLJ}$  values and the  $K_{\sigma,\lambda_2}^{SLJ}$  values are almost constant independent of the element size. Then, there is little difference between the analysis results of the CTSM and the RWCIM.

Table 4 shows four intensities of the singular stress field of the SLJ,  $K_{\sigma,\lambda_1}^{SLJ}$ ,  $K_{\sigma,\lambda_2}^{SLJ}$ ,  $K_{\tau,\lambda_1}^{SLJ}$  and  $K_{\tau,\lambda_2}^{SLJ}$  which were determined by the CTSM and the RWCIM. There is little difference between the analysis results of the CTSM and the RWCIM. Therefore, the accuracy of the CTSM can be confirmed.

As mentioned above, in the CTSM the intensity of the singular stress field of the SLJ can be obtained from the stress values at the interface corner edge of the reference models and the SLJ model which are calculated by FEM under the same material constants and the same mesh pattern. Therefore, when the intensities of the singular stress field of the reference models are solved on the various material

combinations which are presented with Dundurs' parameter  $(\alpha, \beta)$  in advance, the intensity of the singular stress field of arbitrary SLJ can be obtained easily and promptly.



**Fig. 6** Relative difference between  $K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_k}$  values by the present method and RWCIM

**Table 4** Intensities of singular stress field when  $e_{\min} = 3^{-12}$

(a) $h = 0$ mm					(b) $h = 37.5$ mm				
Mat. comb. $(\alpha, \beta)$	CTSM		RWCIM		Mat. comb. $(\alpha, \beta)$	CTSM		RWCIM	
	$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_1}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_1}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_1}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_1}$		$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_1}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_1}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_1}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_1}$
	$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_2}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_2}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_2}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_2}$		$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_2}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_2}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_2}$	$K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_2}$
1	0.03561	-0.01895	0.03566	-0.01897	1	0.03289	-0.01750	0.03290	-0.01750
(-0.3, 0.0)	-0.7622	-0.1051	-0.7608	-0.1050	(-0.3, 0.0)	-0.7052	-0.09728	-0.7036	-0.09705
2	0.03529	-0.01954	0.03531	-0.01955	2	0.03256	-0.01803	0.03255	-0.01802
(0.3, 0.0)	-0.3012	-0.09434	-0.3009	-0.09423	(0.3, 0.0)	-0.2801	-0.08772	-0.2797	-0.08758
3	0.03399	-0.01917	0.03400	-0.01918	3	0.03134	-0.01768	0.03133	-0.01767
(0.6, 0.0)	-0.1078	-0.04500	-0.1078	-0.04497	(0.6, 0.0)	-0.1005	-0.04196	-0.1004	-0.04192
4	0.01134	-0.08034	0.01134	-0.08032	4	0.01034	-0.07326	0.01033	-0.07316
(0.8, 0.3)	0.01406	0.05979	0.01405	0.05975	(0.8, 0.3)	0.01261	0.05363	0.01258	0.05352

$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_k}, K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_k}, K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_k}, K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_k} : \text{MPa} \cdot \text{m}^{1-\lambda_k}$

$K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_k}, K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_k}, K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_k}, K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_k} : \text{MPa} \cdot \text{m}^{1-\lambda_k}$

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

In order to apply the CTSM to the SLJ, the tensile force model and the shear force model were introduced. Then, the validity of two reference models and the accuracy of the CTSM were examined by performing the numerical simulations on JIS type SLJ for  $(\alpha, \beta) = (-0.3, 0.0), (0.3, 0.0), (0.6, 0.0)$  and  $(0.8, 0.3)$ . It was confirmed that four intensities of the singular stress field of the SLJ,  $K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_1}, K^{SLJ}_{\sigma, \lambda_2}, K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_1}$  and  $K^{SLJ}_{\tau, \lambda_2}$ , can be obtained by superposing the intensities of the singular stress fields of two reference models. Then, when the results by the CTSM were compared with those by the RWCIM, there is little difference between them.

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